# Lawrence Ralph

10 Gregory Ave, Bradford, PA 16701

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November 1, 2005 1:57 PM

Senator Rick Santorum U.S. Senate 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Santorum:

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Sincerely,

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201 8th Street, Tracy, MN 56175-1009

November 1, 2005 1:25 PM

Representative Collin Peterson U.S. House of Representatives 2159 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

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#### Priscilla Herman

4002 Zeno Street, Madison, WI 53704

November 1, 2005 12:59 PM

Representative Tammy Baldwin U.S. House of Representatives 1022 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Henry Smith

438 Halls Pond Road , Rose Hill, NC 28458

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Senator Elizabeth Dole U.S. Senate 555 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Representative Robert Andrews U.S. House of Representatives 2439 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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# Russell Batt 407 E. Rockwell , Spokane, WA 99207 JAN 2 7 2006 November 1, 2005 1:14 PM U.S. Senate

717 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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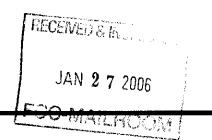
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# Gene McCoy

10 Lexington Lane, Mount Bethel, PA 18343-5047



November 1, 2005 5:13 PM

Representative Charles Dent U.S. House of Repesentatives 502 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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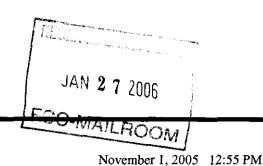
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Nathan Satre

2035 100th Ave NE, Clara City, MN 56222



Senator Mark Dayton U.S. Senate 123 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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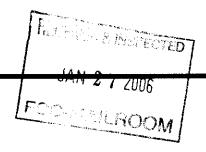
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## Raymond Belanger

309 Trippany Road , Massena, NY 13662



November 1, 2005 5:46 PM

Senator Charles Schumer U.S. Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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#### **Paul Suders**

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Ralph Wood

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Senator Ron Wyden U.S. Senate 230 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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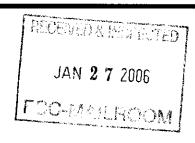
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Senator Mark Pryor U.S. Senate 257 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001



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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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J. F. Kelly

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Senator Richard Burr U.S. Senate 217 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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November 1, 2005 2:08 PM

Representative Raul Grijalva U.S. House of Representatives 1440 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Grijalva:

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# Doris Grysikiewicz

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November 1, 2005 5:11 PM

Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Dear Senator Clinton:

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#### Diane Allred

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November 1, 2005 1:16 PM

Senator Patty Murray U.S. Senate 173 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Murray:

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Sincerely,

Diane Allred

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November 1, 2005 5:17 PM

Representative John Carter U.S. House of Representatives 408 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Carter:

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Beran

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#### Kathleen Baker

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November 1, 2005 12:40 PM

Senator Kay Hutchison U.S. Senate 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Hutchison:

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Baker

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### Richard Sanborn

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Senator Jon Corzine U.S. Senate 502 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Steve Farsace

196 Springfield Dr., North East, MD 21901

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November 1, 2005 1:53 PM

Senator Paul Sarbanes U.S. Senate 309 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

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## Rich Karchunas

9310 White Hickory Ln, Fort Myers, FL 33912

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Representative Connie Mack U.S. House of Representatives 317 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

## Dear Representative Mack:

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## Michelle Anderson

1861 Blue Slide Rd, Thompson Falls, MT 59874-9411

November 2, 2005 9:42 AM

Senator Max Baucus U.S. Senate 511 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

**Dear Senator Baucus:** 

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Sincerely,

Michelle Anderson

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#### Donald McLean

88 Brookfield Road , Riverside, RI 02915

November 1, 2005 5:54 PM

Representative Patrick Kennedy U.S. House of Representatives 407 Cannon House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Kennedy:

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Representative Pete Stark U.S. House of Representatives 239 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

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